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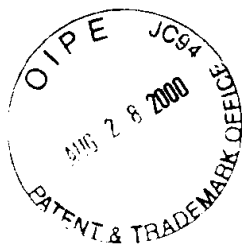
In re Application of

King et al.

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For: **SAMPLE HANDLING SYSTEM FOR A
MULTI-CHANNEL CAPILLARY
ELECTROPHORESIS DEVICE**



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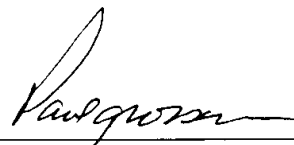
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